GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION IN MEGHALAYA
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Governmentof Meghalaya for allocation of funds for rural electrification during the Tenth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : Meghalaya State Electricity Board (MeSEB) has formulated an action plan to achieve 100% village electrification in the 10th Plan pursuant to Resolution of the Chief Ministers` Conference held on 3rd March, 2001 to complete electrification of allvillages by 2007 and coverage of all house holds by 2012. MeSEB proposed to electrify2904 villages and 2904 Tribal bastis in the 10th Plan at an estimated outlay of Rs.323.69 crores.

(c) : MeSEB proposes to meet the requirement of funds for villageelectrification under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) and Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). Government has released an amount of Rs.75.00 lakhs under Non- Lapsable Central Pool of Resources to Meghalaya during 2001-02 for electrification of tribal villages.

- Against an allocation of Rs.4112.00 lakhs for all the six components including rural electrification an amount of Rs.2055.98 lakhs has been released as the first instalment (50%) to Meghalaya during 2002-03. An allocation of Rs.6.00 crores has been made for rural electrification during 2002-03.

- Against an allocation of Rs.30 crore under MNP for 2002-03, Government has released an amount of Rs.15.00 crores to Meghalaya.

- States can also access funds from Rural Electrification Corporation (REC),Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) and Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) for the programme.

- REC have formulated new schemes for electrification of dalit bastis and hamlets at lower rate of interest.